



## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

FROM OUR MISSION ROOMS AT NEW YORK.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—Rev. Dr. Harris, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, furnishes a list to the *Western Advocate* showing that the contributions to the cause of missions made by the several Conferences whose sessions were held during the year, and the amount of money received by the several Conferences from the same Conferences last year, was \$15,671. He also states that the increase in twelve Conferences which he names as having met since the first of September amounts to \$55,502; to these add the increase of \$7,030 in six other Conferences which have since come to have their meetings.

One in Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and we have a total increase over the former year of \$130,237. The following Conferences are not included in the foregoing statement for the reason that their reports have not yet come to hand, namely, East Gene-  
ssee, Illinois, Northwestern Indiana, North-west Wisconsin, Southern Illinois. We understand that East Genesee returns an advance of 50 and Genesee an advance of 65 per cent.

THE GERMAN POPULATION of this country, according to the late census, shows an aggregate of 1,960,000; of these our church statistics show that we have gathered one in six.

THE SCANDINAVIAN POPULATION, according to the census, was 70,000; of these we have gathered by our missions a membership of one in thirty.

INCREASE IN MISSION COLLECTIONS.—Dr. McElroy, of the *Pittsburgh Advocate*, says, in remarking upon the increase of our missionary contributions during the current year, "These should be exceeded in the approaching missionary year. Let there be no step backward. Every year should be an improvement on its predecessor. This is possible in our missionary movements, and it will become a fact, if intelligent and zealous men will put forth their efforts to promote the cause, and the people by a most thorough canvass of their respective fields. Disseminate missionary intelligence; it will pay well." This note of warning is timely to remind the brethren that the time to canvass for missions is just at hand.

THE DISCIPLINARY PLAN.—Dr. Cobleigh, now of *Zion's Herald*, just from the Presidency of McKen-  
tree College, Lebanon, Illinois, is a good witness for "the plan."

There has been a general improvement in the missionary collections of this station for the last four years. Four years ago the amount reported at Conference from Lebanon was less than \$50. Bishop Simpson afterward came there, explained the mis-  
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THIRTY-FIVE CENTS A YEAR.—Giving a quarter a year for missions, and attempting to be happy over it, was referred to by Bishop Simpson recently. The *Western Advocate* says: "Some of the bishop's touches were good, and some were not. The former, however, of a man who had never given a word or a dollar to the war to hark and shout on the return of our brave boys home at the proclamation of peace, and of the man's attempt to shout in heaven at the triumph of the Savior's kingdom who had himself only given grudgingly each year a quarter of a dollar, while in this world, to the missionary cause, were samples."

GENERAL CONFERENCE.—The treasurer of the Conference reported the increase of the missionary collections of the year to be sixty six per cent over those of last year. We notice a remarkable advance in the collections of Grace Church, of Buffalo. The figures show that it has gone from \$406.37 in 1862 to \$707.63, the largest amount thus far from any one charge in Western New York.

DR. POWERS' RESOLUTION.—The doctor is a member of the General Missionary Committee, and a member of the Iowa Conference.

Resolved, That the preacher that raised the highest sum in the State, and the last meeting of the Missionary Society, be constituted a life member of the Parent Missionary Society, and that this be a standing rule.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION AT ATHOL DEPOT.

In accordance with a previous announcement, the convention of the Sabbath Schools in the northeastern section of Springfield District occurred at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Athol Depot, Thursday, Oct. 8. Although a share of disappointment fell to the lot of those who had come from a distance, at early morning, the arrival of the pastor made for the comfort and happiness of the gathering company in the spacious hall and church soon vanished all fears for the success of the meeting. The intensity of anticipation and zeal of the children in preparation for the event had generated in every heart a sense of eager desire to distinguish. After a few introductory exercises of a miscellaneous character in the church, the congregation repaired to the hall below, where the supply of the wants of the outward man and indulgence of the social graces contributed to the general joy. The exercises of the afternoon, as was expected, contained the most pleasant feature of the occasion. These were given out, and carried on by the children. Bro. Houghton, of South Athol Sabbath School, was chosen president of the day, and filled the office with pleasure to all. In response to a call from the president, reports were read from schools represented, indicating a gratifying degree of activity and success in this branch of the enterprise of the church.

F. T. GEORGE.

REPORT OF DEDICATION.

*Pembroke, Oct. 13, 1863.* Mr. EDITOR.—Please say to the readers of the *Herald* that the dedication of the new church edifice belonging to the Methodists of Pembroke took place, E. H. Hatfield, Judge Pitman, and the Editor of *Zion's Herald*. The Doctor's remarks were very timely and pertinent, hitting several nails on the head, and touching deep in the hearts of the people, and will be remembered by them with pleasure for many years to come.

Bro. Flocken was at that time with Dr. Cobleigh the rich viands were tested with great satisfaction. The quantity left was sold immediately after supper, leaving the ladies in possession of a very hand-  
some sum, which they ought to have done good like a medicine." I reserve an account of our church and its operations for another article.

W. M. F. FARRINGTON.

LITERARY NOTICES.

PASTOR'S MANUAL, containing forms for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Marriage, the Dedication of Churches, &c., together with Selections of Scripture for Pastors, &c., other special occasions; and Rules of Order for Ecclesiastical and other Assemblies. Prepared by Rev. William Rice, Springfield.

REPORT OF PREDICERS' MEETING, SAND-  
WICH DISTRICT NORTH.

Two most profitable and interesting preachers' meetings have been held since the Sandwich District was divided. The last just closed was held in the town of Hingham, and was the best we ever attended.

Monday evening the pastor preached on the "Omnipotence of God," Acts xvi. 21. While we listened our hearts were made strong and we felt that God was not far from every one of us.

Tuesday morning, we had a general prayer meeting, together with relation of Christian experience and the condition of the churches. Bro. Kenney, Presiding Elder, gave a clear account of the district as a whole, and also brought up the various charges represented, with but one or two exceptions, spoke of an increase of faith and zeal as existing in their churches. Rev. Mr. Lincoln, pastor of the first Unitarian Church, (better known as the old ship,) was introduced, and addressed the brethren. Mr. L.

Springfield Meeting. As these letters are of permanent value, they are here presented in a convenient form for preservation.

THE CHIROPODIST. Every one his own Foot Doctor. By C. Merrifield.—Information of much interest to those for whom it is prepared is contained in this little book.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS. By Rev. E. H. Warner of the Iowa Conference.—This is a small pamphlet in which the Disciplinary Questions pertaining to the statistics of our church are arranged and proposed for adoption. We may give some of these Questions in a future number of the *Herald*.

MARTIN POLE, by John Saunders, author of several popular works. *New York: Harper & Brothers, Boston: A. Williams & Co., No. 100 Washington Street.*

WALKER, WIFE & CO., have in press, to be issued about the first of November, *The Farmer Boy, and how he became Commander-in-Chief*, with an introduction by Wm. M. Thayer; and Vol. IV. of the famous *Speaker Series*, edited by Moscow.

With illustrations from original designs coming from Russia.

GEORGE M. HAMLEN, Secretary.

MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY AND FE-  
MALE COLLEGE.

Preachers of the Maine Conference are respectfully reminded that, by their own vote, they are pledged to take a collection in behalf of our "Seminary and College" sometime during the year. See Minutes for 1862, page 16.

In consequence of the failure of subscribers to pay their subscriptions to the amount of about \$7,000, there still remains a debt against the institution of about \$3,500 to be paid off. This debt, together with the accruing interest, must be soon paid, or it will become a serious burden. To remove this incumbrance, we must call a meeting of the institution must commence their contributions.

For nearly two years past, no traveling agent has been employed. It is therefore quite important that the instructions of Conference be carried into effect, and collections taken "in all our congregations" for this object. A few brethren remembering the advice of Conference, have asked their pastor for a collection for Seminary and College, and have been previously organized; collectors were appointed, and a collection taken. We hope that all who have liberty, responsibility, &c., will do the same.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its Anniversary on the 11th and 12th inst., in the city of New Bedford, Rev. Dr. W. Wise, Corresponding Secretary, and several distinguished preachers from abroad were early in attendance.

As is usual on such occasions, the Sabbath School was devoted to sermons in the different Methodist churches, and collections were taken to aid the Sunday School cause.

Rev. J. W. Lindsey, D.D., of New York, in the Cornhill, walk up one flight of stairs, open the door on the right, and step in. Here you see a large room, the floor covered with thick cooza matting, well furnished with sofa, chair or two, and several writing desks conveniently arranged for study. But do not mistake that tall, slim, good-looking gentleman inside the railing with spectacles, thin face, and a tuft of hair on the chin, for the editor. That is Bro. Franklin Rand, the Agent of the *Herald*, widely and favorably known among New England Methodists.

This is not our sanctum. Turn one quarter to the left and step off three paces; half, and turn again to the right, and enter the open door. Here is a long narrow room, well carpeted and furnished with settles, chairs, and a long table in the center. The walls are profusely decorated with pictures of the Bishops of our church, the members of the Association, the British Conference with John Wesley at its head, several Annual Conferences, of former editors, and others too numerous to mention. This you see is a very pleasant room, reserved for meetings of the Association, when they come together to transact their business, or for general committee meetings. On going out of this, turn square to the right, advance four steps and enter that half open door. The floor is covered with oil cloth, and a nice sofa prevents the door from opening wide. This is the editorial sanctum. One window on Brattle Street lets in the light, through which we look out upon a small green plot of ground, and a few little trees just back of the Old Brattle Street Church. Besides the sofa already mentioned, the furniture consists of two chairs, two easy chairs, a sofa, a chair or two, and several writing desks. The original founders of the organization have a prominent place in the programme. The annual income of this Society has reached the handsome sum of £140,000, about \$170,000, the largest of any Protestant Society in the world. It employs 889 missionaries. It has been proposed to double the income during the ensuing year, and individual subscriptions have been offered as high as \$5,000. The cause needs it, and we hope they will succeed.

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